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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY

1. THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT JUNE 8 ANNOUNCED THAT ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AND DESTROYED THE OSIRAK REACTOR LOCATED NEAR BAGHDAD. THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 7.

2. AT NOON BRIEFING JUNE 8 STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IS MAKING FOLLOWING STATEMENT. BEGIN TEXT:

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS INFORMED THE UNITED STATES

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THAT THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE ATTACKED THE IRAQI NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY AT TUWAITHA ON JUNE 7. WE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RAID AND WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION. WE ARE NOW SEEKING MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ATTACK. THIS IS CLEARLY A VERY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT AND A SOURCE OF UTMOST CONCERN.

WE HAVE NO FIRST-HAND DETAILS OF THE ATTACK OR OF THE OVER-ALL DAMAGE, INCLUDING CASUALTIES. OUR INITIAL ESTIMATE OF POTENTIAL RADIATION EFFECTS IS THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE INSTALLATION. THIS IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY INFORMATION APOUT THE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF MATERIAL IN THE FACILITY AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS READY TO RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS FOR HELP IN MONITOTHE EXTENT OF ANY NUCLEAR EFFECTS, AND IN DEALING WITH ANY OTHER RELATED PROBLEMS. ONCE WE HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WE WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY ABOUT THIS MATTER.

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